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From A to Z — Australia to Zimbabwe — U.S. troops are deployed in 100 nations

Military is doing everything but defend the USA, say Libertarians

WASHINGTON, DC — Feel threatened by **Iceland**? Don't worry — the U.S. military has troops stationed in the tiny island nation to protect us from danger.

And just to be on the safe side, we also sent some troops to **Qatar** . . . and **Madagascar** . . . and **Sri Lanka**. And **Ghana**, and **Mozambique**, and **Kazakhstan**, and **Burma**, and **Namibia** — and 91 other countries that most Americans can't pronounce, much less locate on a map, the Libertarian Party noted today.

"In all, our government sent troops to 100 nations over the past 90 days," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national chairman. "From A to Z — **Australia to Zimbabwe** — American soldiers are roaming the world, doing everything but defending our country."

Earlier this summer, the U.S. Army boasted about reaching a "new milestone," with troops deployed in 100 nations around the world, according to a press release issued by the Army's Public Affairs office in Washington, DC.

"In other words, American soldiers were deployed in more than half the countries on the globe — 100 of the world's 197 nations, according to Army figures," said Dasbach. "That isn't a national defense — it's a national *offense*. It's an offense against U.S. taxpayers, who are paying huge amounts of money for a global case of military mission creep."

In most of those countries, the deployments had nothing whatsoever to do with U.S. security, noted Dasbach. "Our armed forces have become the world's referee, all-purpose handyman, and heavily armed Good Samaritan," he said. For example, troops were sent to . . .

Haiti, to dig water wells. **Congo**, to evacuate 57 people and one dog. **Morocco**, to supervise a civil war cease-fire. **Cambodia** and **Laos**, to clear land mines.

Micronesia, to build a warehouse. **Egypt**, to monitor the demilitarized zone.

Puerto Rico, for a training exercise for military morticians. **Belize**, to renovate schools and roads. And **Ecuador** and **Peru**, to monitor a disputed border region.

The Libertarian alternative, said Dasbach, is to change that 100-nation deployment into a one-nation deployment: The United States of America.

"It's time we stopped sending troops to an alphabet-soup collection of obscure nations around the world," he said. "It's time that American troops *just* defended the USA — and that doesn't stand for the **Ukraine, Singapore, & Australia**."

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